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ROSEVILLE JOINT UNION
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dear Ms. Herndon and Mr. Grimes

The California Department of Education has reviewed the conceptual land uses for the West Roseville Specific Plan project. The Roseville Joint Union High School District and the Roseville City School District will serve this area. A small portion of the site is to be served by the Center Joint Unified School District. As proposed, the project area will include four elementary schools, a middle school and a high school.

The project is proposed to include a 900-megawatt natural gas fired electric generating facility on the north side of Phillip Road. The California Department of Education would like to review information from the local Air Quality Management District on air emissions, a pipeline risk analysis for the natural gas line supplying the plant and reports summarizing the results of a computer model that details air emissions and wind directions for the proposed generating facility and related linear facilities in order to assist the districts in identifying school sites that meet the requirements of Title 5 as well as provisions of the Education and Public Resources Codes (see attached SFPD 4.01 for specific requirements).

The California Department of Education will not be able to approve school sites in the project area without the district first completing, among other requirements, the California Environmental Quality Act, receiving Department of Toxic Substances Control approval and the district governing board adopting findings related to hazardous air emissions. Until such time as specific technical data has been submitted to California Department of Education we can only provide recommendations as to potential conflicts between the proposed school sites and the

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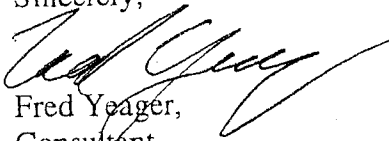
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existing and proposed public utilities including the power plant, gas pipeline and electrical transmission lines.

The District should continue to work closely with the California Energy Commission and the project proponent in securing the above information.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Encl: SFPD 4.01

CC: Dr Rex Fortune, Center USD



SFPD 4.01 School Site Approval Procedures

1. INITIAL CONTACT

Public school districts desiring the written approval of a new site or addition of land to an existing site should contact the assigned School Facilities Consultant at the California Department of Education, School Facilities Planning Division (SFPD). The Consultant will view the site and provide the district with a written evaluation of the site on the SFPD Form 4.0, School Site Field Review. The Consultant will also provide to the district three forms required for final approval of the site: SFPD Form 4.01, School Site Approval Procedures, SFPD Form 4.02, School Site Report, and SFPD Form 4.03, School Site Certification. (California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 5, Sections 14010 et seq., Education Code Section (ECS) 17251(a), State Allocation Board Regulation 3863.)

2. PHASE I ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT

As required by state legislation effective January 1, 2000, for school districts seeking funding under the State School Facility Program or for locally funded districts requesting CDE site approval, the district shall, prior to site acquisition, contract with a qualified environmental assessor to prepare a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment in accordance with ASTM E1527-97.

- If the Phase I concludes that no further investigation is required (clean site), the district shall submit, as soon as possible, two copies of the Phase I to SFPD with a check for \$1,500 payable to the California Department of Education, to cover review costs by the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC).
- If the Phase I concludes that further investigation through a Preliminary Endangerment Assessment (PEA) is needed (potential contamination) and the District wishes to pursue the site, the District shall submit one copy of the Phase I to SFPD (no check required) with a cover letter indicating that the district is pursuing a PEA. The district shall also enter into an agreement with DTSC to oversee the District's contract with an environmental assessor to prepare a PEA (sampling and risk assessment).

SFPD recommends that the Phase I be submitted in advance of the other documentation required by CDE for site approval, to allow sufficient time for DTSC to review the proposed site. See SFPD Advisory 00-01 for details and DTSC contacts. (AB 387, SB 162, ECS 17213.1., 17210., 1999)

3. AIRPORT

Effective January 1, 2000, state legislation requires the school district governing board to give the School Facilities Planning Division written notice of any proposed school site or addition to an existing site that is within two miles, measured by air line, of any point on an airport runway or potential runway included in an airport master plan nearest the site. In addition to the written notice, the governing board shall submit to SFPD scaled maps, as specified in SFPD Advisory 00-05, indicating the location of the proposed site and the airport runway. The SFPD will forward the maps to the Aeronautics Program at the California Department of Transportation, Office of Airports for review and recommendation. SFPD recommends that this item be submitted in advance of the other documentation required by CDE for site approval, to allow sufficient time for the Office of Airports to review the proposed site. See SFPD Advisory 00-05 for more information about the aeronautics review process. (ECS 17215, amended by AB 747, 1999)

4. APPROVAL REQUEST

The district will submit a letter to the assigned SFPD Consultant, requesting approval from the California Department of Education for each school site. The Approval Request Letter must include the documents and studies required for final CDE site approval and listed in section six of this form (see next page). Send the letter and required documents to: **School Facilities Planning Division, 660 J Street, Suite 350, Sacramento, CA 95814.**

5. CONTINGENT APPROVAL FOR SITES REQUIRING TOXIC REMEDIATION

Per state legislation effective January 1, 2000, districts must state in their letter that they are requesting a "Contingent Site Approval", if electing to pursue sites for which a Preliminary Endangerment Assessment has determined that Response Action (cleanup or remediation) for hazardous materials is required. All of the documents and studies listed in section six of this form must be submitted with the request, with the exception of items (B) SFPD Form 4.03, (L) final determination letter from DTSC, certifying completion of the Response Action, and (M) adopted CEQA documents. (However, CDE recommends that any completed or draft CEQA documents be submitted as soon as they are available.) CDE Final Site Approval is contingent upon submission of complete items B, L, and M.

Districts also need to indicate in the letter requesting contingent site approval if they are seeking Financial Hardship and/or Environmental Hardship site funding from the School Facilities Program. In these cases the district must also submit a financial analysis, benefit assessment, suitability evaluation (as required by ECS 17213.1(a)(8)), and a preliminary appraisal of the site. See SFPD Advisory 00-01 for details about these requirements. (SB 162, 1999)